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## PAY TRIBUTE TO NATION'S HEROES

Members of the 4-H club camp paid tribute to the heroes of the late war at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Sunday afternoon. While the group stood silent, Opal Webber of Washington State and Clarence Posey of Mississippi placed a wreath on the tomb. The wreath, which was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet across, was composed of laurel, palm, and fern leaves, with a bow of red, white, and blue ribbon. One of the two soldiers who stand guard at the tomb saluted while the other presented arms. After that the delegation passed into the amphitheater where Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Dunlap gave an introductory talk presenting Colonel Hanford MacNider, who is Assistant Secretary of War and was formerly national commander of the American Legion. He is from Iowa. A motto to remember from these two talks is, "It is he who serves his countrymen best who serves his country most."

Reported by *Nellie Mabel Jones, Mo.*

At Mount Vernon, Saturday, Edwin Givens of Virginia and Gladys Bull of Maryland placed the 4-H club members' wreath at the tomb of George Washington.

## AT CHURCH

About 30 members of the camp attended the Sunday morning service of Christ Church, Alexandria, Va. George Washington attended this church 150 years ago, and Robert E. Lee attended it during the time he lived near. Although the church has been refinished, it has the same framework that was constructed in 1773 and is typical of the churches of that early day.

Other groups attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church, First Congregational Church, and Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Reported by

*Harold Judy, Ohio. Leon Clayton, S.C.*  
*Agnes Wilcox, N.D.*  
*Homer Sheffield, Texas.*



DO BE CAREFUL, BOYS!!!



The giraffe has three different kicks, a flat kick like a cow, a choppy kick like a horse, and a straight-out kick like a football player, said Dr. William Mann, Superintendent of the Washington Zoo and leader of the Smithsonian-Chrysler Expedition to Africa, at the Saturday morning assembly. He told the farm boys and girls how simple it is to catch wild animals, if you know how, and illustrated his talk with pictures showing the way the thing is done.

Native African porters who accompanied the expedition carried 60 pounds weight on their heads, and made 10 to 20 miles a day, for which they received 12 cents in money, rations, and some presents.

A baby antelope captured by the expedition refused all food until they tried Quaker Oats. He thrived on that. Another booster for Quaker Oats!

\*The scaly anteater will not live in captivity.

Reported by

*Frank Parsons, Kans.*

OUR NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP TREE.

An eastern hemlock was planted with fitting ceremony Saturday afternoon in the department grounds where it will long remain a memorial to the first national 4-H club camp. The tree-planting crew were Dan Reaugh of Washington, Erwin Williams of Michigan, Alfred J. Naquin of Louisiana, and Laban Tadd of New Hampshire. Each boy on the crew recited a verse from "Plant a Tree" by Lucy Larcom. Col. W. B. Greeley, Forester, U. S. Forest Service, gave the boys and girls a short talk on forestry. Then Erwin Williams of Michigan handed him the spade and he put the first spadeful of earth around the tree. The planting crew finished the job, which was made a demonstration of tree planting.

Reported by

*Erwin Hutchinson, Nebr.*



RECREATION? ? ?

Mr. Foster kindly consented to carry a bunch of girls to church Sunday morning, and after leading them three blocks in the rain he realized his car was parked five blocks in another direction.

Reported by

*Gladolia Branscome, Miss.*

We Pity Charlie.

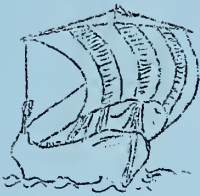
Charlie Goodwin knows more girls in camp than any other fellow. He has one or two for breakfast, a different one for dinner and so on during the day and now that he has become acquainted with every girl in camp he has 6 or 8 girls with him all the time. (Reported by one of the male sex.)

\* Speaking of anteaters, the girls of tents 25, 13, and 19 want to borrow one immediately. Here is your chance, boys.





## THE VOYAGE DOWN THE POTOMAC



When we entered the Navy Yard and saw that the "Mayflower" was steamed some of us westerners thought that we were going on it. We didn't. However the U.S.S. Porpoise was there to receive us, with Captain E.J. Heil, chief boatswain, who has been in the United States Navy for 20 years, to guide our trip down the river.

Some of the interesting places we saw were the Army War College, Fort Washington, Fort Myer, Fort Humphrey, the home of George Mason, a close friend of Washington and the author of the Virginia Bill of Rights, the first customhouse in America, and the Bureau of Fisheries. The Porpoise turned back at Indian Head, just 20 miles down the river from Washington.

When going down this old and famous river one could hardly imagine its real historical significance. It was the custom disputes on the Potomac that resulted in the Constitutional Convention that laid the foundation for our great Government and Nation.

Reported by *Dan. Reagh, Wash.*

**VESPERS** An inspiring vesper service was held Sunday evening by the boys and girls of the camp. The theme was "What Christ means to the youth of today," with the scripture lesson, "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man."

**CANDLE-LIGHTING SERVICE** The Massachusetts candle-lighting ceremony was put on by George Farley, started with a candle brought from the last Massachusetts camp. The legend of fire was first told by Miss Fannie Buchanan. A boy and a girl were chosen as service bearers to light the central fire, and a boy and a girl to represent each of the four H's and light the four smaller fires. Everyone present received a candle, which was lit from those of the young people in the circle. Director of Extension Warburton and Mrs. Warburton were presented with medals by the service bearers within the circle.

Reported by *Roswell Griffiths, Wis.*



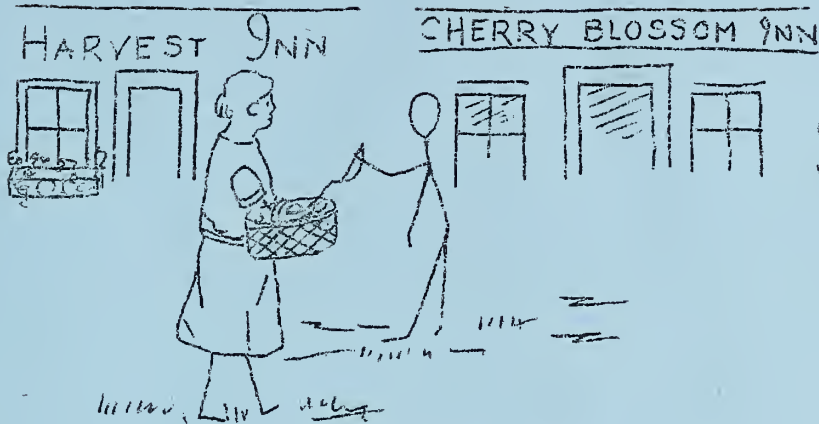
A women-haters' club organized last night by a bunch of Wisconsin soreheads has a small but growing membership. The members all prophesy success, but we are afraid that their story may end as does the book by Joseph Lincoln of the same name.

**LOST AND FOUND** A program was lost with some notes on the back which were unreadable, so we were not surprised when Mr. Foster claimed it.

Does it Pay to Swap Meal Tickets? Ask Miss Mary McKee and Mr. Gates of Illinois; they did it. Mr. Gates had been getting beans, Miss McKee, spaghetti. They changed, but so did the cafeterias; and Lo! Mr. Gates is still getting beans and Miss McKee spaghetti.







Madge J. Reese,  
camp provider  
We'll say she  
is!

#### NEWS ASSIGNMENTS

Monday, June 20

Banquet: To be reported by Costas Caragianis of Massachusetts at 8.30 a.m., Tuesday.

Personals and human-interest events: To be reported by Arvid Sponberg of Minnesota at 8.30 a.m., Tuesday.

Tuesday, June 21

Mr. Aswell's address: To be reported by Alfred Naquin of Louisiana at 1 to 2 p.m.

Morning tour: To be reported by Alzada Davenport of Tennessee at 1 to 2 p.m.

State leaders' conference: To be reported by Mr. Wright of New York at 4.30 p.m.

Recreation directed by Mr. Martin: To be reported by Julia Mae Roser of Ohio at 8.30 a.m., Wednesday.

Tour through Library of Congress: To be reported by James Meeks of Michigan at 8.30 a.m., Wednesday.

Personals and human-interest events: To be reported by Sheffield Greene, jr., of Rhode Island at 8.30 a.m., Wednesday.

GROW A MATTRESS Camp members request that Homer Sheffield of Texas grow 25 bales of cotton before the next camp and provide enough mattresses to keep out any amount of wintry blasts.

ALL MAIL delivered promptly by Pearson of Michigan. (He likes to read the postcards.)

WEATHER FOR TUESDAY - FAIR AND WARMER!



TELEGRAMS Milton Danziger of the Eastern States Exposition sends best wishes for a successful camp. Eight hundred boys and girls encamped in the State of Washington also send greetings to the first national 4-H club camp.

BIRD TOUR Despite the bad weather this morning, we had 25 boys and girls on the bird tour. Among the birds we saw were the flicker, chimney swift, bobwhite, catbird, and house wren. We saw 30 in all, including the king rail, which Dr. Oberholser said is very rare around here, being seen only once in five years.

Reported by *John J. Flanagan jr., R.I.*

ARLINGTON FARM The experimental farm for the Bureau of Plant Industry where all kinds of experiments with crops and plants are carried on by department scientists proved an interesting place to 4-H club members. The tour was planned by E.C. Butterfield, superintendent of the farm.

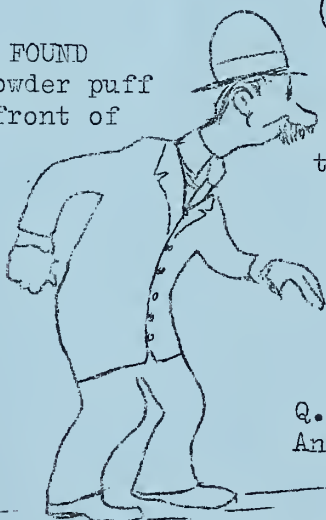
Reported by *Dan Miller, W. Va.*

ALEXANDRIA AND MOUNT VERNON In Alexandria we went to the exhibit building of the Department of Agriculture where they make all kinds of exhibits to send to the different countries. One had just been sent to Spain, and another was ready to go to Canada.

Mount Vernon was just as beautiful as we had imagined it. We were allowed to go anywhere we wanted to in the house for 12 minutes. We also saw a piece of the tree where George Washington took charge of the Continental Army, and the room where George Washington died.

Reported by *Susan Dickinson, Va.*

FOUND  
A powder puff  
in front of



tent 38 (gentlemen's row).  
Owner may have same by  
calling and making  
proper  
identification.

We notice most of the  
boys in camp readily  
take to red hair.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Why was the laundry late?

Ans. Because Illinois put in such a heavy wash -  
one collar and one cuff.

HELP WANTED: Miss Houston and Mr. Pearson from Missouri and Michigan would like advice as to how to get lost on a boat. They were able to do so successfully in an auto but were very unhappy Saturday on the Porpoise because it wasn't large enough to suit them.

